



LabCert Program Reciprocity Agreements

Reciprocity is handled differently in that the primary responsibility for enforcement and PT requirements falls upon the host accrediting agency. Reciprocity agreements are subject to change with 30 days' notice. Section NR 149.08 (3), Wisconsin Administrative Code, requires that any reciprocal agreements be with States or agencies that have "substantially equivalent" standards for laboratory accreditation.

Reciprocal accreditation will not be provided for a parameter that the "host" agency does not accredit or a parameter for which accreditation requirements are not equivalent. For example, the Wisconsin DNR has not entered into reciprocity with any state/organization for GRO and DRO testing (Petroleum Hydrocarbons, UST). If a laboratory wishes to do work in for these parameters, it must become directly certified or registered by the WI LabCert Program.

No Reciprocity with NELAC/NELAP

The Department is not a National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) Accrediting Authority and does not recognize NELAP accreditation issued by other state or federal agencies in lieu of certification under Ch. NR 149, Wis. Adm. Code.

States with Wisconsin Reciprocity Agreements

We have recently completed an assessment of the states with which we had established reciprocal agreements, consulted with the Certification Standards Review Council and have made a decision to retain only an agreement with South Carolina.

- **South Carolina** [Dept. of Health and Environmental Control](#)
Agreement for: All Environmental Testing (except UST)